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# ATG PROFILES ENCOURAGED



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**PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES:** Nicole Allen is the Director of Open Education for SPARC. In this role she leads SPARC's work on the issue area of Open Education, with a dual focus on public policy and engaging the library community to advance this issue on campus.

Nicole is an internationally recognized expert and leading voice in the movement for open education. Starting during her own days as a student, she has worked tirelessly to elevate the issue of college textbook costs and access to education into the public spotlight and to advance openness as a solution in both policy and practice. Drawing on her unique perspective as both a Millennial — the same generation as today's college students — and a professional with more than a decade of experience in this field, she has been widely cited in the media and has given hundreds of talks and trainings in more than a dozen countries on open education, open policy, and grassroots advocacy.

Nicole's career began in 2006 with the Student Public Interest Research Groups, where she worked with college students across the United States to organize numerous large-scale grassroots campaigns on college affordability and related issues. In 2013, Nicole joined SPARC to develop and lead a new program on open education, which has since evolved into a national network of more than 100 academic librarians and a robust advocacy portfolio spanning state, national and international policy. She also continues to work with students through the Right to Research Coalition and as part of the organizing team for OpenCon.

Nicole graduated from the University of Puget Sound in 2006 with a Bachelors of Arts in Philosophy. Currently she splits her time between her home in Providence, RI and SPARC's headquarters in Washington, DC.



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**PET PEEVES:** Far too many but mostly being asked what my pet peeves are.

**PHILOSOPHY:** If it doesn't work out just keep moving on and try new stuff.

**MOST MEMORABLE CAREER ACHIEVEMENT:** Giving the plenary talk at Charleston Conference 2013.

**GOAL I HOPE TO ACHIEVE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW:** My contributions have helped to bring about a true culture of openness in higher education.

**HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:** I think we are moving to a future of information personalization. We need to identify better ways to make library services unique to the individual or allow individuals to harness the power of consumer technology to shape a more customized library experience. Artificial intelligence agents, virtual reality, wearable computer technology and others will change our information retrieval behaviors. It will be less about search and more about getting solutions. We need to understand how to use these technologies to enable our community members to have a personally-enhance relationship with the library.



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**EARLY LIFE:** Spent in rural mid-coast Maine, oldest of 4 children.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES:** Marilyn Billings is the Scholarly Communication & Special Initiatives Librarian at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, a position she has held since 2006. She provides campus and national leadership and education in alternative scholarly communication strategies, including open access, open education and the role of digital repositories in today's academic environment. Current activities include her management of the Office of Scholarly Communication at the W.E.B. DuBois Library, oversight of UMass Amherst's digital repository ScholarWorks and her leadership role of the campus' Open Education Initiative.

## MS. BILLINGS' RECENT PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE:

"UMA's Open Education Initiative: Perspective After 4 Years In," invited panel member for the Association of South East Research Libraries (ASERL) Lib-OER Community webinar series: Lessons from the Field: Models for Library Support of Alt-Textbooks with Steven Bell (Temple University), William Cross (North Carolina State University), and Melanie Kowalski (Emory University) on Jan 15, 2015.

"Building Your Fan Base: Promoting Your Repository On and Off Campus," invited speaker at the bepress IR All-Stars Tailgate pre-conference prior to the ACRL national conference in Portland, OR, March 25, 2015.

"Seeking Alternatives to High-cost Textbooks: The UMass Amherst Example," invited speaker for the University System of Georgia Library Services Affordable Learning Georgia webinar series, as a panel member with Cyril Oberlander (Humboldt State University) and Kate Pitcher (SUNY Geneseo) on April 15, 2015.

"The New Now: Institutional Repositories and Academia," invited keynote speaker at the Institutional Repository Day @ USM at the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS on April 17, 2015.

"Encouraging Openness at Your Institution: Trends in Open Education and Open Access," invited speaker at the Special Libraries Association (SLA) National Conference, Boston, MA, June 16, 2015.

"Savings are Nice but Learning is Nicer: Libraries Linking Open Textbooks with Instruction, Pedagogy and Assessment," co-presentation with Sarah Cohen, Open Education Conference, Vancouver, CN, November 19, 2015.

"Library Strategies for Sustainable Open Education Adoption and Publishing," co-presentation with Shane Nackerud, Cyril Oberlander, and Kate Pitcher, Open Education Conference, Vancouver, CN, November 19, 2015.

"The Power of Open Education: UMass Amherst's Open Education Initiative, Springboard for New Career Choices," invited speaker at SPARC Meeting on Openness in Research & Education (MORE), San Antonio, TX, March 8, 2016.

She was one of the organizers of the first ACRL/SPARC Open Education pre-conference in Chicago, IL, Jan 30-31, 2015 prior to ALA Mid-Winter where she also gave a presentation on the Open Education Initiative at UMass Amherst and discussed best practices and lessons learned since its start in 2011. Her most recent publication "Spreading the Word, Building a Community: Vision for a National OER Movement," co-authored with

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Nicole Allen (SPARC) and Steven Bell (Temple University) appeared in *Against the Grain*, Nov 2014, pp 14-16.

For a more complete listing of presentations, publications and conference work, visit [http://works.bepress.com/marilyn\\_billings/](http://works.bepress.com/marilyn_billings/).

**FAMILY:** Married with 3 grown children.

**IN MY SPARE TIME:** Bicycling.

**FAVORITE BOOKS:** Historical novels as an escape.

**PET PEEVES:** Folks who have a narrow-minded approach.

**PHILOSOPHY:** Openness, respect, and honesty are key to a happy lifestyle.

**MOST MEMORABLE CAREER ACHIEVEMENT:** Becoming the Scholarly Communication Librarian at UMass Amherst in 2005 and head of the Office of Scholarly Communication. This enabled me to become a change agent at the local and national levels.

**GOAL I HOPE TO ACHIEVE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW:** Retirement.

**HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:** The library world will be transformed with its main mission focused on the research and scholarly activity conducted at the local level and shared globally. Open access, open data, open education, and open scholarship will be the norm throughout all academic disciplines.



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**BORN AND LIVED:** Born South Salem, NY. Lived in Albany, NY, Syracuse NY, and now in Plainville, MA.

**EARLY LIFE:** Middlebury College BA, SUNY Albany MLS, Syracuse University CAS in Information Transfer. Worked 15 years for a subscription agency in support and technical roles. Much involvement with standards and data exchange. Started on the publishing side in 2003.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES:** Involved with NASIG, SI-SAC, ICEDIS, NISO, and frequent presenter at Charleston, ER&L, NASIG, ALA and other conferences. Have always been interested in standards for data exchange, and the role of discovery in optimizing usage of content.

**FAMILY:** Wife Kathy is a high school librarian, and have three clever children: Laura (25), Libby (22), and James (20). Artist, Economist, and Political Scientist, in that order.

**IN MY SPARE TIME:** Eliptical at the YMCA, browsing at our local indie bookstore (An Unlikely Story, Plainville, MA), and listening to lectures in all the course subjects I was too scared to take in college.

**FAVORITE BOOKS:** *The Swerve* by Stephen Greenblatt, *The Best American Essays* series, William Faulkner, Ann Patchett, David Mitchell, Paul Theroux, and summer indulgence reading like *Eye of the Raven* from Eliot Pattison.

**PET PEEVES:** People who refuse to engage their creativity, run down batteries on too many devices, very small buttons on smaller and smaller devices, meaningless icons.

**PHILOSOPHY:** Do not tell someone "I am surprised you did not already know that." Just tell them what you know. Next time you might be the one needing help.

**MOST MEMORABLE CAREER ACHIEVEMENT:** Being elected President by my colleagues in NASIG.

**GOAL I HOPE TO ACHIEVE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW:** Significantly reduce online access questions through data exchange, data verification, and other techniques.

**HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:** In five years a very large proportion of the current biomedical and clinical medical content, at least in journal form, should be open access as part of a relentless and important medical mandate. The rest of scholarly publishing will, I hope, be in a state that allows me to be able to speak more openly and broadly of publishing as a service strengthened by cooperative ties and a sense of community and purpose. Institutional repositories will be strong, built on data feeds from the publishing community, and data storage activities only now beginning to flower.



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**BORN AND LIVED:** Born Delaware County, PA. Have lived in Pennsylvania, Illinois, and North Carolina. Live in Stafford, VA now.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES:** I have worked as a reference librarian, distance education librarian, collection development librarian, interlibrary loan librarian, and most recently as an Access Services librarian, during my career.

**IN MY SPARE TIME:** I like to garden and travel.

**FAVORITE BOOKS:** Cookbooks.

**HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:** I see academic libraries moving increasingly toward utilizing library staff to provide basic, core library services and to keep buildings open longer to provide students with study spaces, while reference librarians realign their work into niche research services. Libraries will continue to purchase more digital resources, which will result in fewer unique collections, while at the same time researchers will continue to demand access to increasingly scarce "unique" or current items.



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**HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:** I see things moving more and more to electronic format. I am intrigued to see where technology will be in 5 years.



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**PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES:** William is an entrepreneur and company leader who has spent the last twenty years helping publishers and universities navigate the move to digital content distribution in education. He was a member of the founding team at VitalSource, and today he leads worldwide Business Development for the company. That role includes overseeing the business in all non-North-American higher education business as well as corporate and adult training businesses.

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Previously, William worked in the School of Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was Assistant Director of the National Paedeia Center.

**FAMILY:** William and his wife, Susan, currently have three children: a daughter at university, a son in high school, and another son in middle school. All attend public schools in North Carolina.



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**IN MY SPARE TIME:** I enjoy hiking, fly fishing, and fermenting foods.

**GOAL I HOPE TO ACHIEVE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW:** Work with faculty on my campus to get everyone signed up for ORCID profiles.

**HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:** Five years from now "open" will be the norm and libraries will work more closely with publishers to bring knowledge to the global community.



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**BORN AND LIVED:** Mobile, Alabama; New Orleans, Louisiana.

**EARLY LIFE:** The only child of a chemist and a special education teacher, I would have been the third generation scientist or fourth generation public school educator. As a child, I spent a lot of time playing in the woods, swimming, acting, and achieving the rank of black belt in Tae Kwon Do. In adolescence, my hobbies were writing for the newspaper, teaching myself web design languages, hanging out with punk bands, and starting clubs for fellow creative sorts. I attended Council Elementary School, Phillips Preparatory School, Murphy High School, Spring Hill College (B.A., 2008), Tulane University (M.L.A., 2011), and Louisiana State University (M.L.I.S., 2013). I also worked a variety of interesting jobs from high school through all three higher degrees, spent time studying abroad in London during my BA, and briefly lived with a friend in Placencia, Belize, while completing my MLIS.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES:** Six years of paraprofessional experience in academic libraries, plus a field experience at a marine laboratory, led to my first professional position as Librarian at Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium, February 2014-August 2015, where I implemented new systems, initiated new partnerships with library consortiums, combined the role of archivist and librarian, presented at regional and international conferences, successfully applied for grant funding, and started fellowship research. I have been at Jane Bancroft Cook Library from August 2015-present, where I am working on improving instruction in the library, supporting students publishing a peer-reviewed undergraduate research journal, serving as a member of the Institutional Review Board, learning as many programming languages as possible, and assisting in global information science initiatives. I am currently pursuing a Council of Science Editors Publication Certificate and a University of South Florida graduate certificate in Applied Biostatistics.

**FAMILY:** Debbie Gamble (stepmother), Nolan "Chuck" Gamble (father), Stephen Kuehl (partner), Dr. Connie Jo Williams (mother), Patricia Williams (grandmother), and four beloved pets

**IN MY SPARE TIME:** Animal rescue, backpacking, endurance running, environmental preservation, gardening, home-brewing, playing banjo, scuba diving, swimming, & theater

**FAVORITE BOOKS:** *Achieving Our Country* (Richard Rorty), *Jujitsu for Christ* (Jack Butler), *Letters to a Young Scientist* (E.O. Wilson), *Open House for Butterflies* (Ruth Krauss), and *The Long Loneliness* (Dorothy Day)

**PET PEEVES:** Cruelty and inefficiency

**PHILOSOPHY:** "Screw the system. Save the environment."

**MOST MEMORABLE CAREER ACHIEVEMENT:** I have yet to go hunting for a job, so I guess that's something. :) My career has taken me all over the country and the world, but my favorite memory is probably talking for the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome, Italy.

**GOAL I HOPE TO ACHIEVE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW:** Help someone else establish themselves in a librarian role where they are treated as a full research professional while moving myself into the role of informationist.

**HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:** Collaboration and information ethics need to be central to every facet of publishing and research. The publication model of prohibitively expensive resources being unequally distributed is unsustainable. When maintaining a mindset, I see altmetrics and open access growing, peer review improving, and librarians moving further into the modern "gateway" versus previous "gatekeeper" role.



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**BORN AND LIVED:** Born in Brooklyn, NY. Live in New Haven.

**EARLY LIFE:** B.A. from University of Chicago, Ph.D. from City University of New York Graduate Center.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES:** Instructor of composition and literature at Baruch College, University of Hartford; editorial director at Gale Cengage; senior editor for music at Rowman & Littlefield.

**FAMILY:** Wife, two children, no pets.

**IN MY SPARE TIME:** Play guitar, banjo, ukulele, harmonica, and sing. Also serve as volunteer publisher of New Haven Review and lead a class short story reading series with local actors for the community.

**FAVORITE BOOKS:** *American Gods* (Neil Gaiman); *Other Rooms, Other Voices* (Truman Capote); *Hotel du Lac* (Anita Brookner).

**PET PEEVES:** Know it alls.

**PHILOSOPHY:** Look forward, never backward.

**MOST MEMORABLE CAREER ACHIEVEMENT:** Rebuilding the music list of Rowman & Littlefield into truly remarkable publishing program.

**GOAL I HOPE TO ACHIEVE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW:** Realizing the same program success where I am now and leaving a legacy for a successor to improve even further.

**HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:** Ever more universalized access to content where the barrier of language — so that on-the-spot quality translation from one language to another in text, audio, and video content — will be penetrated, allowing for true global learning and understanding.

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**BORN AND LIVED:** Born in Harrisburg, PA, grew up in Lancaster, PA

**EARLY LIFE:** Graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2004 with a degree in Film Studies and the History of Art & Architecture. Maintained a successful film blog for a number of years after graduation and considered a career in film criticism before deciding to attend library school and become a librarian in 2007.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES:** Worked at the University of Pittsburgh in a variety of roles from 2000-2011, including as Media Resources Specialist from 2007-2011. Worked at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD as Access Services Librarian from 2011-2013. Have worked at the University of Maryland since 2013, first as Media Resources Librarian, and then as Head of Learning Commons since 2015.

**FAMILY:** Live in Baltimore, MD with my wife Marion, daughter Lucy, and our dog Sally.

**IN MY SPARE TIME:** Enjoy cooking and spending time with my family.

**FAVORITE BOOKS:** *Revolutionary Road* by Richard Yates.

**PHILOSOPHY:** "Every dream's a good dream, Even awful dreams are good dreams, If you're doing it right" — The Mountain Goats

**MOST MEMORABLE CAREER ACHIEVEMENT:** Recently published my first research article in a peer-reviewed journal.

**GOAL I HOPE TO ACHIEVE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW:** I hope to be promoted to the rank of Librarian III with permanent status in 2018 or 2019.

**HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:** Over the next five years, academic libraries will begin to explicitly redefine the primary value they add to their communities from building and maintaining collections for them to facilitating access to collections built and maintained by others. This will bring upheaval, but also great opportunities for academic librarians who are willing to think outside the box of our traditional roles!



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**BORN AND LIVED:** Born and grew up in Arlington, VA; after college and during grad school lived in Boston, MA for five years before returning to Northern Virginia.

**EARLY LIFE:** Grew up in Arlington, VA; attended Spanish-English bilingual immersion schools until I was 14.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES:** Haved worked primarily in academic libraries, with specialization in collection assessment and collection development.

**FAMILY:** I currently live with my husband and two cats.

**IN MY SPARE TIME:** I'm involved with my local farmer's market and love to garden, cook, hike, and be outdoors; I also love visiting my parents' 10-acre homestead in beautiful Rappahannock County, VA.

**PHILOSOPHY:** The perfect is the enemy of the good!

**HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:** From a col-

lections perspective, libraries will have to come to grips with our current challenges: things that defy current collections policies; things that we handle on a case-by-case basis; things like streaming media, Open Access, big data, and (yes) eBooks. With the number of scholars' requests for these resources increasing, we need real systems and infrastructure to handle them. In the next five years, we're going to have to make the acquisition of a dataset or the ingestion of an Open resource as much a part of our workflow as buying a print book. Every institution will have to make decisions about things that have been building up for years. If we don't, how will we ever tackle the next generation of challenges?



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**PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES:** Have been a media librarian most of my librarian career, since 1977.

**IN MY SPARE TIME:** I like photography, reading, watching documentaries and films, and exploring nature.

**FAVORITE BOOKS:** Just completed Elanea Ferrante's four Neapolitan novels. A good cinematic read!

**MOST MEMORABLE CAREER ACHIEVEMENT:** Over a 25-year period, playing a role in the evolution of Northeastern University Libraries' media services and facilities — from state-of-the-art Media Center to the Digital Media Studios.



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**BORN AND LIVED:** Born in Salem, MA. Have lived in Washington, D.C.; Wales, UK; Munich, Germany; Minneapolis, MN; Cambridge and Lynn, MA; and the San Francisco Bay Area of Northern California.

**EARLY LIFE:** Received a B.A. in English and a M.S. in Library Science from The Catholic University of America (CUA) in Washington, D.C. Very first job in libraries was as a student assistant to the Course Reserves librarian at Mullen Library at CUA.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES:** Associate University Librarian at Santa Clara since 2010. Formerly Head of Circulation, and later Research Librarian and coordinator of Reference at Harvard's Widener & Lamont Libraries. Member of ALA and ACRL.

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**BORN AND LIVED:** Sharon, PA, Atlanta, GA, Rouen, France, Tampa, FL.

**HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:** I expect that we will see more of the same from the information industry: necessary and unexpected disruptions and hopefully advancement in eBook technology to improve usability.

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**IN MY SPARE TIME:** I run when my Achilles permits and bike to work when the weather permits. You might find me in an outdoor café under an awning drinking wine during a summer thunderstorm.

**HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:** Higher education is in a period of substantial change, with substantial implications for publishers and libraries alike.



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**BORN AND LIVED:** Born in Ames, Iowa, but grew up in Columbus, Ohio. As a student, I lived in Tokyo, London, and Wellington, NZ. Have lived for the last ten years in Trumbull, Connecticut.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES:** I'm big on industry work, serving and chairing committees ranging from ALA ALCTS CRS to SSP to STM to NISO. I love to mentor folks at all career levels.

**FAMILY:** Husband John is an English Professor at CUNY, John Jay Campus, two giant teenage boys aged 13 and 15.

**IN MY SPARE TIME:** Love to read science fiction, sing karaoke, travel, and put together industry panels.

**FAVORITE BOOKS:** *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving, *Ready, Player One* by Ernest Cline.

**PET PEEVES:** Bad grammar, poor parking, line jumping.

**PHILOSOPHY:** Don't be afraid to ask folks for a favor, as long as you wouldn't be offended if they asked you for the same.

**MOST MEMORABLE CAREER ACHIEVEMENT:** Being appointed to the COUNTER Board of Directors this summer! (I'm such a geek!)

**GOAL I HOPE TO ACHIEVE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW:** To visit each of the seven continents — five down, two to go!

**HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:** The lines will continue to blur between libraries, publishers, and vendors, creating new opportunities all around. Scholarly communications will continue to be an exciting place to work.



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**EARLY LIFE:** Was spent in Texas — served in the Merchant Marines and then college.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES:** First career was librarianship, second career was in the software industry, third career was in higher education administration, and now, I'm working with college and university stores.

**FAMILY:** Wife Nancy (librarian), daughter who is a composer living in Austria, and son who is a lawyer clerking for a federal judge.

**IN MY SPARE TIME:** I love to travel and see our member stores, plus a bit of golf on the side. I'm a constant traveler.

**FAVORITE BOOKS:** *Lonesome Dove*, *Blood Meridian*, 1984.

**PET PEEVES:** People who act out their political frustrations on Facebook.

**PHILOSOPHY:** If you see a turtle on a fence post, chances are someone put it there.

**MOST MEMORABLE CAREER ACHIEVEMENT:** Commencement speaker at the iSchool Graduation at UT Austin in 2015 and receiving the Outstanding Alumni Award from the faculty.

**GOAL I HOPE TO ACHIEVE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW:** Lower the costs of textbooks and learning materials for students in higher education.

**HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:** To alleviate the pressures of increasing costs and help make higher education more accessible to capable students from all economic classes, college stores — guided by NACS — will collaborate more effectively and operate more efficiently as a consortia, which will allow them to provide greater services at lower cost to college and university students.



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**BORN AND LIVED:** Seattle, WA

**IN MY SPARE TIME:** Reading and Skimboarding.

**FAVORITE BOOKS:** *Hard Boiled Wonderland and the End of the World*, *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*.

**MOST MEMORABLE CAREER ACHIEVEMENT:** Acceptance to 2016-17 AAPB NDSR cohort.

**HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:** More digital, more multi-modal, more audiovisual oriented.



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**PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES:** Lori Widzinski has worked as an academic multimedia librarian for 30 years, she is actively involved in the repurposing of library space at the University at Buffalo's Silverman Library including the planning and creation of new services and the impact on budgeting, staffing, and collection development. She is the Founder and Editor of Educational Media Reviews Online.

**HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:** Academic libraries will be even more integrated with online and mobile technologies, and with campus support for pedagogy in higher education.

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**EARLY LIFE:** I was born in the city of Shanghai, China

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES:** I currently hold the position of a digital systems librarian at the Payson library in Pepperdine University. Some of my research projects include the linked data and tracking our faculty research activities. I also like to work on the different systems' integration.

**PET PEEVES:** Smoking cigarettes and/or e-cigarettes in libraries or around non-smoking people.

**PHILOSOPHY:** As long as one does not intrude on others and do not threaten others' wellbeing, one should be free to believe and choose their own creed and religion.

**MOST MEMORABLE CAREER ACHIEVEMENT:** I designed and developed the CONULEXID system which was the largest bilingual lexicon database system in China. This system was launched in 1997.

**GOAL I HOPE TO ACHIEVE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW:** To build links between the data in our Pepperdine systems and the data in our library systems. To find or develop some type of tool or system to track our faculty's teaching and research activities. To let our faculty know how much attention their research areas have gotten.

**HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:** My research shows me the traditional library services will be undergoing many big changes. Academic libraries worldwide will be paying more attention to the teaching and research areas support to their faculty and students. 🌱

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- Quite apart from all that, people are questing for information and libraries are becoming sexy!

I believe that libraries, by definitions new and old, will thrive and prosper. However, most of us librarians are not skilled enough in the supporting industries to make accurate predictions about how they will look and perform ten years out — a lot the same, some different, but all morphing over time.

The information industry players we most admire are known for their savvy, strategic thinking and planning. In our space, what we library folks must bring is our own version of savvy strategic thinking, to provide the best information future for our readers, at the same time working with and influencing the constantly shifting business environment of which we are part. My rambling end point is that the consolidation issue we're uncomfortable with is only a piece of the action. There are many balls in the air — we have to pay attention to them all. 🍄

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We are excited to have many preconferences this year and all pre-conferences had excellent attendance, more than ever! I want to focus especially on the **Legal Issues in Libraries** preconference which the **multi-faceted Ann Okerson** arranged. But someone who deserves a special shout out is **Will Cross** who is currently on paternity leave. He just welcomed their first child and **Will** is taking a few weeks off. **Will** says he will be very happy to guest edit an issue of **ATG** focusing on the preconference down the road. And he will be in Charleston.

Looking forward to it all! GULP! Sooner than I thought...  
Travel safe, everyone! Yr. Ed. 🐘

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